

REMARKS

The Decision from the Board of Appeals mailed January 29, 2010 has been received. The Examiner's rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sirhan and the rejection of claims 1-5 and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Horzewski are reversed. The rejection of claims 1-5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Crittenden is sustained. Claims 10-13 and 15-17 were previously indicated as being allowed. The above amendment cancels rejected claims 1-5 and 7. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form, including all limitations from independent claim 1. Pending claims 8-13 and 15-17 are believed to be allowable.

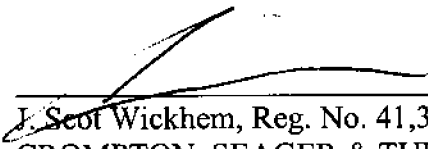
Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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